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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Hideki MORIGUCHI, et al. :  
Application No.: Not yet assigned : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Filed: July 25, 2006 : Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL WITH COATED FILM HAVING STRENGTH  
DISTRIBUTION OF COMPRESSIVE STRESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.